

Outside bodies feedback from Members

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This paper provides Members with the opportunity to feedback on recent meetings of outside bodies at which they have represented the Board. At the last Board Members asked that the structure of the paper be amended to reflect the purpose of meeting or engagement, key points discussed and the outcome.

The Chair's report for February is attached as **Appendix A**.

Recommendation

Members currently representing the Board on outside bodies are asked to **provide any appropriate feedback** from recent meetings, details of which are enclosed.

Actions

Subject to comments from the Board, officers to take forward any suggested actions.

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Recent

Purpose	Key points discussed	Outcome
Cllr Chris White met Dame Liz Forgan and Alan Davey, Chair and Chief Executive of Arts Council England (ACE), on 24 January		
To discuss how the LGA and ACE can best work together to support councils.	<p>Chris White and Liz Forgan agreed on the opportunities presented by a single conversation between ACE and councils spanning the arts, museums and libraries.</p> <p>Chris White reinforced the importance of ACE supporting councils to develop improvement solutions that are locally appropriate, and owned and driven by councils themselves. He also raised councils' concerns about the additional bureaucracy implied by ACE's new role in school music.</p>	<p>Agreed for CTS Board and ACE Board to meet at an appropriate opportunity.</p> <p>Agreed for LGA to work with ACE on supporting single cultural conversations.</p> <p>Agreed for LGA and ACE officers to meet to discuss school music further.</p>
Cllr Chris White addressed the LGA Licensing Conference on 26 January		
To share the LGA's position on regulated entertainment and the Live Music Bill.	<p>Chris White said that councils are fully in favour of making it easier for people to hold concerts, plays and public events, but numbers are not the only factor in determining risk. He said it is for this reason that the Government's proposals to deregulate entertainment go too far, and urged Government to work with the LGA to find a solution that cuts red tape and keeps vital safeguards in place.</p> <p>Chris White also emphasised the LGA's support for the Live Music PMB, which will shortly receive Royal Assent.</p>	Chris White wrote to John Penrose MP, Licensing Minister, to share the concerns councils expressed at the conference. We are awaiting a reply. The letter is attached at <u>Appendix B</u> .

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<p>Cllr Chris White chaired and spoke at the LGA / Sport England seminar for sport Portfolio Holders on 30 January in London</p>		
<p>To support Portfolio Holders for sport to understand the implications for sport of changes including the Localism Act, commissioning, Sport England's new strategy and public health reforms.</p>	<p>Chris White emphasised that councils fund the majority of this country's community sports infrastructure</p> <p>Presentations from Sport England updated councillors on Sport England's new strategy, and the support that they offer to councils, including relationship managers, improvement tools and access to data about sports participation and facilities in local areas.</p> <p>Discussion focussed on the extent of transformation that is now required in the planning, delivery and development of sport services within councils.</p> <p>The presentations are available on the LGA website http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/past-events-presentations/-/journal_content/56/10161/3437046/ARTICLE-TEMPLATE.</p>	<p>Supported 15 Portfolio Holders to develop further their understanding of the opportunities and challenges faced by local government funded and supported sport.</p> <p>Sport England is keen to continue our joint work with portfolio holders next financial year.</p>
<p>Cllr Chris White and Cllr Stephen Castle, Chair LGA 2012 Games Task and Finish Group, attended the Member Steering Group for the National Local Authority Olympic Resilience Programme on 30 January with members from London Councils.</p>		
<p>To provide political oversight of the National Local Authority Olympic Resilience Programme, checking that it is meeting councils' needs and</p>	<p>Members discussed progress to date and the priorities for the programme which include national level games time representation and making sure that local government can provide assurance that it is ready for 2012.</p>	<p>Agreed that supporting local authorities in anticipating and assessing their ability to meet their resilience and security obligations will become the focus of the Programme from</p>

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representing effectively councils' interests nationally.		mid-March 2012.
<p>Cllr Chris White chaired the LGA's Olympic and Paralympic Emergency Planning event on 7 February at Local Government House.</p>		
To update councils on resilience planning for the 2012 Games.	Presentations covered the latest information on resilience planning for the Games and delegates shared experiences of local implementation with venue authorities and emergency planning officers from across the country.	Over 100 delegates from 70 local authorities attended the event and benefitted from the information and experiences shared.
<p>Cllr Florence Nosegbe chaired an LGA seminar for libraries Portfolio Holders on 29 February in Leeds</p>		
To provide an opportunity for Portfolio Holders to share experiences and learn from each other, supporting them to develop locally appropriate solutions for their library services.	Attendees received presentations from Cllr Nosegbe, who outlined the LGA's policy position and support; Sue Chateris, who has worked with a number of councils to develop their library services; and Leeds, Bradford, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire councils about how they are changing their library services.	Supported 20 Portfolio Holders to share and learn from each other about different approaches to re-designing library services. The event quickly reached full capacity so we will look to run similar sessions later on in the year.

Forthcoming

Title	Date	Attendees
Tourism Alliance	12 March	Cllr Caitlin Bisknell
LGA / Sport England Leadership Academy	14 / 15 March	Cllr Simon Henig on 14 March
Ed Vaizey MP, Culture Minister	20 March	Cllr Flick Rea